

# Sapping the Public Schools of Kentucky



## Taxes Going Up

### Teachers Underpaid

Under Stanley Democratic rule, in the three years 1915-1918, the estimated value of all property assessed for taxation in Kentucky has increased the enormous sum of \$227,576,488.00. During the same period, the amount distributed by the state to the counties to pay the salaries of school teachers has only increased the pitiful sum of \$45,784.97.



## Taxpayers, This Is Your Business

The new tax law making this huge increase in taxes was passed to raise more money for general state expenses, to pay off old debts and to give more money to the public schools. If this law has raised enough money to pay general expenses and to help pay off some old debts, why has the school fund not received a proportionate increase for the education of our children?

## The School Teachers' Merry-Go-Round

The records show that in 44 counties in Kentucky, the salaries of school teachers were more in 1916 than in 1917, 1918 and 1919. They also show that in 71 counties the salaries were more in 1916 than in 1917 and 1918. This has forced hundreds of teachers to travel from one county to another seeking better pay to meet the high cost of living. In one county in Kentucky, out of 104 teachers last year, only 23 returned this year. In another county only seven out of 48 returned. In another county only 5 out of 86 returned. In one of the largest and best counties of the state only one rural teacher has not changed location within the past five years.

## Holding Up the Teachers' Pay

In the same month that Governor Stanley approved the law cutting down the teachers' salaries, the state owed the teachers for back pay, \$548,372.00. Three months later this amount had jumped to \$1,452,887.94. On June 30, this year, the state still owed the teachers for back pay \$898,484.87. In 1917, the first month's salary was paid in October after three and a half months of teaching. The final payment was not made until August, 1919, eight months after the close of the session. Last year a law was passed to remedy this, but at that salaries are still running late. In addition to having their salaries cut, the teachers also have their pay held up.

## Cutting Down the School Year

Three months after Governor Stanley signed the bill cutting down the teachers' pay, the school year was cut from 7 months to 6 months. The children were deprived of a whole month's schooling. This year, the school year ending June 30, 1920, was kept at 6 months instead of being put back to 7 months, thus depriving the children of another month's schooling. Twelve months' schooling in two years in place of 14 months.

## Gilbert's "Sore Toe" Book

Supt. Gilbert's printing bill is costing the taxpayers three times what they paid under Governor Willson (Republican). Among the books paid for by the taxpayers at a cost of \$15,000, was the famous "Sore Toe" book, compiled by the equally famous Dr. W. L. Heiser, whose "Physiology" was ridiculed by the leading Democratic newspapers of the state. This "Sore Toe" book tells little Johnnie how to wrap up a "puncture" in his foot, warns little Jennie not eat meat more than once a day, calls on dad to shave off his whiskers, advises mother to wash an egg before boiling it, and demands the killing of all dogs and cats.

## Stanley O. K's Pay Cut

In 1918 a Democratic legislature passed a law and it was approved by Governor Stanley, March 13, 1918, cutting down the amount of money for school teachers' salaries from 25 cents to 18 cents, and many teachers were forced to quit their jobs altogether or to seek positions in other states.

## Gilbert's Extravagance

The minute Supt. Gilbert got into office he began filling up his own office, at Frankfort, with clerks and stenographers. The salaries in his department have gone up to three times what they were under Governor Willson (Republican). The Democratic legislative probe committee of 1918 condemned the Bureau of School Inspection for giving salaries to people who did no work, but there has been practically no change. Tomorrow will change it.

## Text Book Commission Farce

The Stanley Text Book Commission changed most of the books in the grades and would have soaked the parents of the children \$850,000 more for their books, but the whole adoption was thrown out by the Court of Appeals. Urged by leading Democrats all over the state to also throw out the Text Book Commission, Governor Black turned a deaf ear and by the time a new adoption was made the publishers were so delayed that many schools have been forced to get along with old books, and some of them won't get the new books at all for proper work this year.

# Clean House at Frankfort Elect Morrow Governor

## MERRIWETHER SMITH

### May Make Race Against Congressman Swope Next Year

A dispatch from Washington says that it is rumored in Washington that Major L. Meriwether Smith, of Harrodsburg, now in the Judge Advocate General's department of the army, may make the race for Congress next year against King Swope, if the latter comes up for re-election, as he doubtless will. Major Smith is a member of the State Senate and is trying to obtain his discharge from the army in time to attend the meeting of the legislature next January. He is prominent in politics, well known in his district, and having been in one of the most important branches of the army during the entire war period would be in a position to divide the soldier vote very successfully with Captain Swope. Having been chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Harvey Helm, Captain Swope's term will expire March 4, 1921, and the only Republican who has carried the district in the last 20 years and Major Meriwether Smith may be the man who will redeem the district for Democracy.

## That Big Land Sale In Fayette

At the big 1541-acre sale of part of the Haggins farm in Fayette county last week, the sum of \$565,000 was realized or an average of \$366 an acre. The sale was splendidly conducted by the United Realty Company. The sales by tracts were: Little & Robinson paid \$405 an acre for 314 acres; Ben Gorham paid \$340 an acre for 150 acres and \$392.50 an acre for 356 acres; W. H. Harp paid \$335 an acre for 183 acres, Russell Faulconer paid \$355 an acre for the sixth tract. R. M. Simpson, of Owen county paid \$371 an acre for 148 acres; Sixty-six acres known as tract No. 18, was sold for \$275 an acre. Tract No. 19, 74 acres, was purchased by T. C. Greary for \$265 an acre. Seven tracts of from two to five acres with a small cottage on each tract sold at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Two tracts containing about 21 acres each sold at \$475 an acre.

The Paintiffs charged this was "promotion stock" and had come into possession of the holders without adequate consideration.

## PUBLIC SALE

On WEDNESDAY, Oct. 15, at 2 P. M.

At Residence—518 Hilldale Street

Having sold out all my business in the county and town and leaving for the South, will offer at public auction, all my household and kitchen furniture. Everything was bought new last year and has been well cared for. Is in first class in every way. The offering will consist of 1 Richmond Piano, "Upright Grand"; 1 book case and writing desk combined; 1 marble top center stand; 3 leather rockers; 2 small oak stands; 1 golden oak pedestal; 1 hall seat with mirror; 1 quartered oak buffet; 1 quartered oak china closet; 1 quartered oak pedestal dining table; 6 quartered oak genuine leather slip seat dining chairs; 1 leather Morris chair; 1 sewing machine; 1 complete walnut bedroom suit, bed, dresser and washstand; 1 extra wash stand; 1 chiffoniere; 2 felt mattresses; 1 set bed springs 1 drop leaf kitchen table; 3 solid bottom kitchen chairs; 1 Chambers fireless gas range; 1 Cole hotblast heater; 1 coal oil heater; 1 small size laundry stove; 1 wire cot; 1 clothes rack; 1 8-foot step ladder; 1 quartered oak typewriter desk; 1 porch swing; 2 porch rockers; 7 coal oil lamps; 2 lawn mowers; 1 coal fork; 1 garden hoe; 1 garden rake; 4 sets leather flynets; 1 60-gallon gasoline tank; 2 scythes; 1 grind stone with frame complete; other articles too numerous to mention.

Don't miss this sale if you want to buy the best.

**E. E. Hooker, Owner**

Bob Walker, Auctioneer

518 Hilldale

## THE COST - OF - LIVING - HIGH INCREASES DAILY

We are now prepared to do your shoe repairing while you wait.

**J. C. George**

McKEE BUILDING

# Remember

## The October Dates of Auction Sales for SWINEBROAD, The Real Estate Man, of Lancaster Kentucky

- October 8th—400 acres, the J. F. Cook farm, Lincoln county.
  - October 10th—The Jas. N. Denny farm, 247 acres, Garrard county, 3 miles of Lanacster.
  - October 11th—100 acres, for L. R. McCroskey, right at Burgin, Mercer county.
  - October 15th—900 acres at Monticello, Wayne county, the J. E. Kendrick farm.
  - October 18th—2 brand new dwellings, with 10 to 20 acres each, right on the pike, 1 mile from Lancaster, Garrard county.
  - October 21st—335 acres, the best land in Mercer county, 1 1-2 miles of Shakertown, for R. W. Gwinn.
  - October 22nd—140 acres, for N. J. Gosney, right in Camp Robinson, on Lexington pike, 6 miles from Lancaster.
  - October 24—190 acres, for J. L. Butler, Lincoln county, near Stanford and Danville pike, 4 miles from Danville.
- These farms will be subdivided and sold in tracts to suit the purchasers, and remember Swinebroad "ALWAYS SELLS" and always offers something which appeals to the purchaser. Don't forget the dates. Look up the advertisements giving descriptions of the farms.

## THE STIRRING FOX CHASE

### Old Hunter of Crab Orchard Breaks Into Verse On Subject

Up at Crab Orchard the old time fox hunters are awaiting with eagerness the coming of the National Fox Hunters' association there in a few weeks. Every fox hunter in this section will be interested in the following by W. W. Menefee in the Crab Orchard Sun. He writes:

### The Fox Chase

I have been mediating of days long gone by when we used to meet on the Piney Spurs to listen to the melody of the fond music of the hounds on the chase. Many the times were when E. H. Walker, T. McHolmes, James Ramsey, J. T. Chadwick, George Gooch and others would there and hear the sound of sweet music of the hounds from afar, and while the dogs were on the hunt they would love to hear my fox chase in rhyme. It was very pleasing to have it sung and while the hours away. The rhyme follows:

When I was hunting far from home Especially in the night,  
A fear comes over my poor soul, Whether I am wrong or whether in the right,  
I was in the woods one night The moon shone beautiful and bright,  
And there I had a thought There could't be no harm in innocent delight,  
Cheered with these feelings of delight Four or five miles from home,  
I came to an open field, Where I knew the red fox roamed,  
My mare was going in a walk, My dogs they began to bark,  
There is Scott and Dell, And there is Mack.  
I knew from their bark it was a cold track.

Not far away from where they were, There was a large cliff of rock,  
I believed if they ever could reach that cliff,  
They would jump that old red fox, For Mack and Dell were fine little hounds,  
And they were true, And when they struck an old red fox,

I tell you they almost flew.  
But Mack and Dell were most too young,  
Scott was getting most too old To track it up was a difficult task,  
For the track was awful cold. I built me up a little fire,  
To keep away the gnats, I hitched Molly to a fine bush,  
For the dogs had almost hushed. I sat down by my little fire,  
And heard old Scott bark, And then I heard all three,  
And my blood began to run cold,  
When Dell barked as if to say,  
That fox is not far away.  
By this time they began to run,  
To me it was lots of fun,  
Scott was getting very old, But I believed he would  
Chase him to his hole.  
Some other dogs joined in the race  
Somewhat behind and on a train.  
For Dell had no wings at all,  
But got there just the same.  
The hoot owls hollered,  
And the night hawks screamed,  
And the whip-poor-will crowded for day,  
And in a lonely spot,  
And my dogs far away.  
The dawn of day was here at last,  
I could not hear a hound,  
For Mack and Dell run so fast  
They put him on the ground.  
Tired and sleepy lying on the ground,  
Listening for the bark of a hound,  
I got hungry and tired of my place,  
I blew my horn and ended the chase

## Lebanon Bankers For League

The following dispatch from a Washington will be read with interest here: Senator Beckham read into the Congressional Record today a telegram which he received bearing the signatures of all the bankers of Lebanon, Ky. The message urged the prompt ratification of the peace treaty with the League of Nations covenant without amendment or reservation. Senator Beckham will deliver a number of speeches in Kentucky the latter part of the month.

Commonwealth's Attorneys are limited to \$4,000 fees out of the revenue of each current year, but are not entitled to recover any deficit out of fees accruing in any other year, according to an opinion of the court of appeals.

## Tobacco Men Organize

### To Fight Propaganda

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 6.—At a meeting of the Allied Tobacco League of America, incorporated in Kentucky, at the Globe Tobacco Warehouse last week at which representatives of the burley growers, loose leaf men, warehousemen, retailers and wholesalers were present, the report of the committee on Constitution and Bylaws was approved. Officers will be chosen at once, and the heads of the movement will include leading tobacco growers of Kentucky as well as men prominent of the trade.

The purpose of the organization is to form the retailers and wholesalers as well as the farmers in a solid alignment against legislation inimical to tobacco. The organization will be by counties in both the burley and dark tobacco sections, and in the larger cities through the trade. W. D. Spalding, president of the Cincinnati Loose Leaf Exchange, whose home is in Covington, is temporary chairman of the board. Mr. Spalding has appointed committees representing every branch of the trade as well as the growers to assist in every county and to maintain the most friendly relations with other farming and manufacturing interests. It was stated at the meeting that Kentucky raises 500,000,000 pounds of tobacco, by far the largest money crop in the state.

## This Is Buying Land

### In Kentucky In Hurry

Munford, Ky., Oct. 3.—Lycullus Burns, an Iowa promoter, motoring through Kentucky to enjoy its mellow Indian summer weather, came upon Glen Lilly, home of the late Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner.

Struck by the beauty of the valley, he pitched his tent beside the rippling stream and camped for the night, as was his habit when touring. In the morning he called at the Buckner home.

"Beautiful place you have here, ma'am," said he to Mrs. Buckner. "Would you like to sell?"

"Yes," was the reply. "How much would you take for it?"

"Thirty thousand dollars."

"Sold," said Mr. Burns.

Glen Lilly is one of the noted historic estates of Kentucky. It embraces 700 acres of hills and valleys. Only a short time ago Mrs. Buckner sold a tract of timber on the estate for \$10,000.

Mr. Burns was motoring with his wife from Florida, where he had been engaged in reclamation of lands. He bought also the furnishings of the home, including a great quantity of relics and records.